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HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

This manual, for coaches of teams participating in the PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon (GAD), is divided into 12 sections. The beginning sections contain the names of individuals you may need to have available to you from time to time. It then progresses from the history of GAD, to how to register for GAD, through team selection and preparation, to preparation for the state competition. Each competitive event has its own tabbed section with helpful tips and sample information that relates to that event. Becoming familiar with the structure of the manual will make it easy for you to find answers to the many questions that arise as you work with your GAD team throughout the coming year.

This PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon Coaches’ Manual is a working document, and portions of it will change. When pages are revised, they will be posted on the website so you may replace the ones you currently have in your manual. Remember to discard the old page(s) so that your manual will always have the most current procedural information.

You have begun a journey that will enrich your own life as a coach. You will grow intellectually while you watch your students mature and grow intellectually. The reward in coaching is not in winning but in making learning a joyful experience for your decathletes. Enjoy it to its fullest!

Michelle Crawford
State Director